



# **Nevada Hospital Industry Report**

## **Governor's Commission on Medical Education, Research and Training**

**Bill M. Welch  
President & CEO  
Nevada Hospital Association  
March 23, 2006**



# An Overview of Nevada's Hospitals

## ■ Mission

## ■ Capacity

- Number of hospitals
- Public versus privately funded facilities
- Number of beds
- Patients served annually



## An Overview of Nevada's Hospitals (cont.)

- **Services provided**



## An Overview of Nevada's Hospitals (cont.)

- **Community benefits provided**
  - Programs and value



## An Overview of Nevada's Hospitals (cont.)

### ■ **Economic impact**

- Direct and indirect impact
- Secondary benefits

### ■ **Financial viability**

- The uninsured/underinsured
- Funding (Medicaid, Medicare)

## What Makes Nevada Unique?

- **Population growth**
- **Overall ranking**
- **Dispersion**

## What Makes Nevada Unique? (cont.)

### ■ **Special concerns**

- Topography and frontier/rural geography
- Aging of the “Baby Boomer” population
- Poor health status of Nevadans
- Large tourist population



# Hospital and Community Issues

- **Nursing shortages and challenges**





## Hospital and Community Issues

- **Health care professional shortages**
  - Training programs



## Health Care Professional Needs - Physicians -

- Number of physicians practicing in Nevada
- Nevada physicians vs. national average

## Health Care Professional Needs - Physicians (cont.) -

- Where will we be in 10 years?
- What physician specialties should we focus our training efforts?



# How Do Hospitals Support Education to Meet Health Care Professional Needs?

- **Nursing and health care professionals**

# What Hospitals Do to Support the Educational System

## ■ Physicians

- Provide clinical training sites for year 3 and 4 medical students
- Provide funding (direct medical education)
  - Residents
  - Some faculty
  - Other costs of the residency program
- Clinical training sites for residents
- Current financial impact on Nevada hospitals



## Hospitals' Proposal

- **Proposal provided to UNSOM and the Chancellor September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005**
  - Offered support for 250 additional residents and fellowship slots
  - Increased the total statewide annual funding from hospitals to \$45 million
  - Focused on new or expanded programs
- **Challenges**

## Next Steps

- **UNSOM expansion**
- **Other schools of medicine**
  - Touro University
  - University of Washington
  - UC Davis
- **Hospital and community commitment**
  - Recruit more physicians
  - Use mid-level practitioners to spread the work load
- **National policy changes**
  - Revise GME cap policy



## Our Continued Commitment

- **Capacity expansion**
- **Continued investment in new technology**
- **Continued financial support of health care professional education**
- **Support improved access to the appropriate level of care via community-wide initiatives**





## Questions, Comments or Concerns?

**Bill M. Welch**  
**President & CEO**  
**5250 Neil Road, Suite 302**  
**Reno, NV 89502**  
**(775) 827-0184**